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SUBJECT: CANADA WILL SUPPORT AFGHANISTAN OVER SYRIA FOR
IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Classified By: A/PolMinCouns Kurt van der Walde, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)
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¶1. (C) Colleen Swords, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) Assistant Deputy Minister for International Security Affairs (and Canada's G-8 Political Director), told DCM August 15 that she was sure Canada would support Afghanistan over Syria if the race for the IAEA Board of Governors Middle East and South Asia seat came to a vote. She did couch her statement, however, by noting she was unfamiliar with the specifics of the issue. Swords said she would pass reftel points to her relevant technical experts. Poloff is following up with the DFAIT Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Division deputy director and technical experts regarding possible Canadian efforts to advocate on Afghanistan's behalf.

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